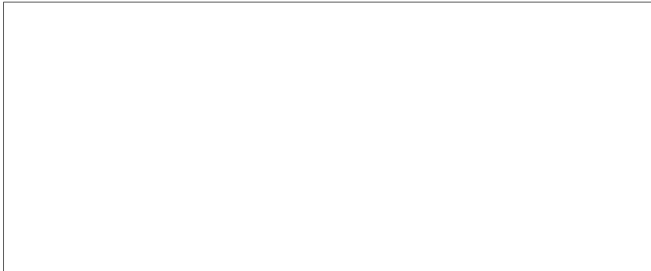


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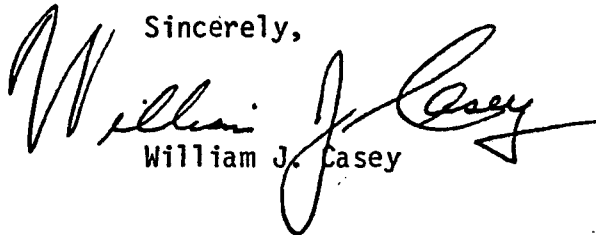
Dear 

I am honored that you have invited me to attend your annual dinner on 30 March as a head table guest, but regret that I must decline.

As much as I would enjoy being with you and your distinguished guests, it is not possible to do so inasmuch as present plans call for me to be out of the city at that time.

Please accept my sincere regrets, as well as my best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,


William J. Casey

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